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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 0.1 PERCENT IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic rose only 0.1 percent in May, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in May decreased 3.1 percent. Domestic seat miles registered a corresponding decline of 3.2 percent. The number of passengers dropped to 32.9 million from 33.9 million a year ago, a 2.9 percent decrease. The load factor was 62.0 percent, up from 61.9 percent for May a year earlier.

For the first five months of 1989, domestic traffic declined 2.6 percent, available seat miles were down 2.5 percent, and the number of passengers dropped 3.4 percent. Passenger load factor was 60.1 percent compared to 60.2 percent for the same period last year.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in May was up 11.5 percent. Available seat miles increased 10.8 percent, and passengers increased 3.1 percent to almost 3.0 million. The load factor was 64.8 percent, up from 64.4 percent in the same month of last year.

For the first five months, international traffic gained 11.4 percent, available seat miles increased 12.2 percent, and the number of passengers rose 5.1 percent. The load factor was 62.7 percent compared to 63.1 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

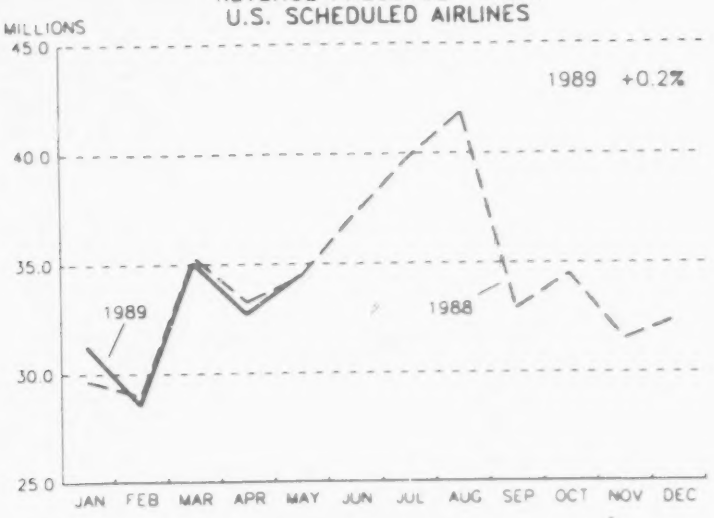
MAY 1989 - 1988

	MAY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,863	32,882	(2.9)	161,822	156,350	(3.4)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	26,907,791	26,076,716	(3.1)	129,149,561	125,728,729	(2.6)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,440,603	42,060,902	(3.2)	214,696,810	209,338,966	(2.5)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.9	62.0		60.2	60.1	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,874	2,964	3.1	12,828	13,486	5.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,473,738	8,332,819	11.5	32,392,269	36,094,969	11.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,608,839	12,858,333	10.8	51,295,825	57,564,387	12.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	64.4	64.8		63.1	62.7	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,737	35,846	(2.4)	174,650	169,836	(2.8)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	34,381,529	34,409,535	0.1	161,541,830	161,823,698	0.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,049,442	54,919,235	(0.2)	265,992,635	266,903,353	0.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.5	62.7		60.7	60.6	

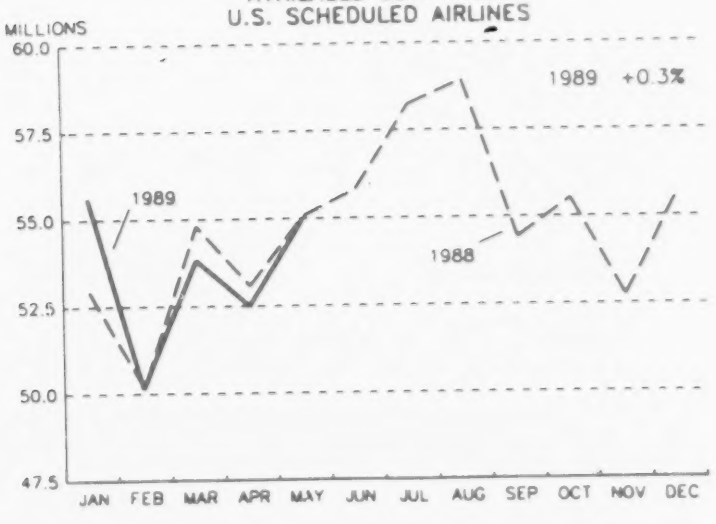
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, AND SOUTHWEST.

Note: Eastern May numbers are estimated

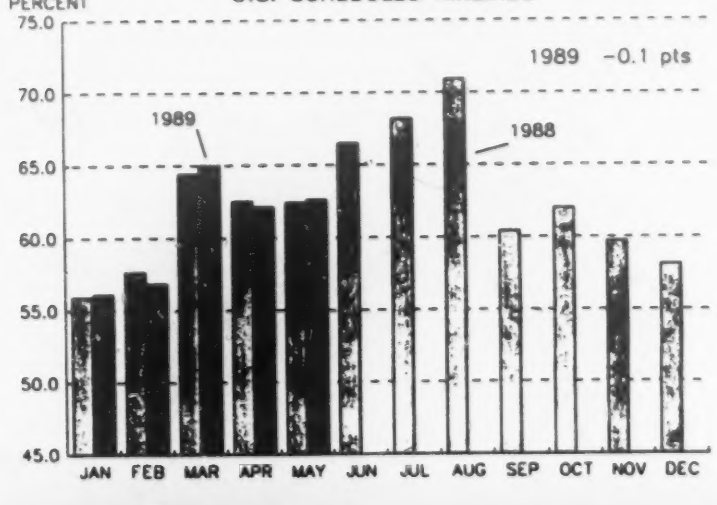
PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOADFACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,326,656	54,786,969	64.5	38,811
April	33,240,219	53,065,878	62.6	35,866
May	34,381,529	55,049,442	62.5	36,737
June	37,191,232	55,810,290	66.6	37,938
July	39,764,831	58,230,586	68.3	39,414
August	41,847,510	58,916,983	71.0	41,439
September	32,888,970	54,398,532	60.5	33,914
October	34,468,706	55,507,544	62.1	36,519
November	31,506,302	52,723,437	59.8	34,695
December	32,434,239	55,695,092	58.2	34,230
TOTAL 1988	411,643,620	657,275,099	62.6	432,799
Jan - May 1988	161,541,830	265,992,635	60.7	174,650
1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,898	62.2	33,993
May	34,409,535	54,919,235	62.7	35,846
TOTAL 1989	161,823,698	266,903,553	60.6	169,836

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
May	0.1	-0.2	-2.4
Jan - May	0.2	0.3	-2.8